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Wednesday March 4th

2:50 in core

Monument Hall Route

2 trips

Today is inauguration day. Elmer found a steer skull in the barn this morning & I guess it belongs to us. At 9:00 A.M. I went in the cove to load & shot the hole that Father & I drilled yesterday afternoon. I lit the fuse and went off & left it, when I returned I found but very few pieces of rock in the moss. After I built about a rod of path Father come in to help me & we drilled a hole about 14 inches in the first rock that was in our way (being within about 2 feet of our last shot). The shot shattered the rock in good shape but left plenty of work to do with the sledge. We come out of the cove for something to eat at 1:30 P.M. At 2:25 P.M. I started in the cove to work out the remainder of the shot that we put in this forenoon. After I worked out the shot I dug out the path at this end of Red Hall as much as I could with the pick & shovel & then fixed about 4 rods of path (or less) in Red Hall. Elmer came in & told me it was about time to go out and get some supper. When we got out of the cove I was surprised to see that it was 3:30 P.M.

Thursday March 5th

2:50 in core

5:25

Monument Hall Route

1 trip

2:35 in core

Simpson's Palace Route

1 trip

At 2:15 I started in the cove with the intention of fixing the path in the Post Office which I did after 2½ hours of hard work with the sledge. I saved four specimens of bracket work & one calcite crystal which I laid up for somebody else to carry out as I didn't want to bother with them. I arrived at the entrance at 5:05 P.M. After supper Father & I made up our minds to go in the other side of Simpson's Palace and get his large specimen of box work that I discovered on the 6th day of August 1890 at the same time that I discovered the Simpson's Palace Route.